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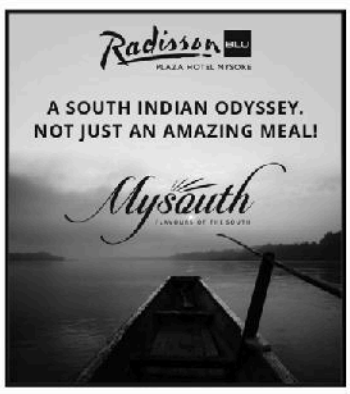


'Trusted friend' murders woman for gold chain

Accused takes away 50-gram gold chain from victim's dead body, pawns it to clear Rs. 36,000 rent dues

Mysuru, Mar. 12 (RK&BCT)- In a chilling case of betrayal and murder for gain, a woman who entrusted her friend with cash and gold jewellery paid the ultimate price — her life. The so-called friend not only killed her but also stripped the gold chain from her lifeless body and pawned it to clear the pending house rent.

The gruesome incident took place on Mar. 5 in K.C. Nagar, sending shock-waves through the neighbourhood. According to the Nazarbad Police, 62-year-old Sulochana, wife of Ganganna, is the victim and 45-year-old Shakunthala is the accused and has been arrested now.

Victim Sulochana

Accused Shakunthala

Ganganna retired from the Mounted Police and is bed-ridden. The couple lived in K.C. Nagar First Main, Seventh Cross. The couple's son Ravichandra is a surveyor at Gundlupet and their daughter is married and settled with her family.

As Ganganna was restricted to bed, Sulochana was managing household affairs and Police said that she was financially stable. Shakunthala, who lived just four houses away, developed a close friendship with Sulochana. Their friendship extended to financial dealings. Sulochana lent her 45-gram gold bangles to Shakunthala many times so that she could take loans from a gold-loan lending private firm. Shakunthala also gave cash in return to Sulochana.

The plot to kill

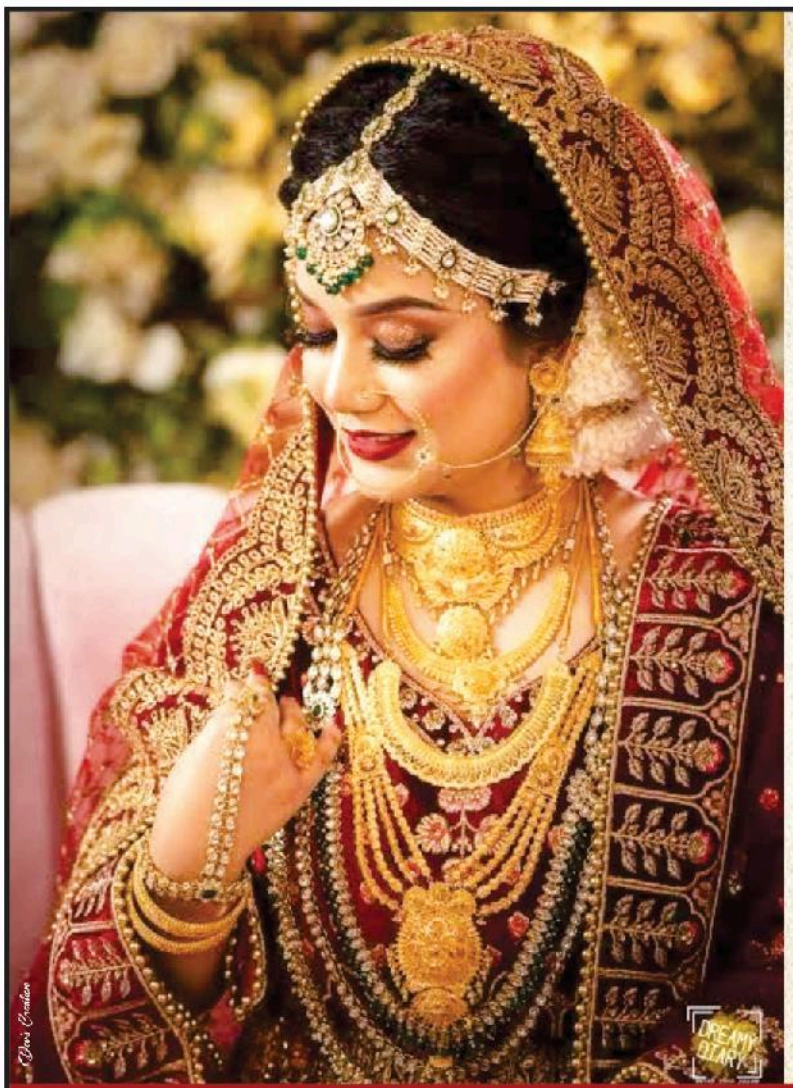
On March 5, around 7 pm, Shakunthala called Sulochana, requesting her to visit her house. An unsuspecting Sulochana, wearing a 50-gram gold chain worth approximately Rs. 3 lakh, walked over, casually greeting neighbours on the way.

Once inside, Shakunthala overpowered Sulochana and smothered her on the bed with a pillow. As Sulochana lay lifeless, Shakunthala removed the gold chain and around 9.30 pm, pawned it at Durga Jewellers near Teresian College Circle for Rs. 1.50 lakh. She then went to her landlord's house and paid Rs. 36,000 in rent arrears. She returned home and kept the remaining Rs. 1.14 lakh at home.

Covering up murder

With Sulochana's body still in her house, Shakunthala called Ravichandra, claiming his mother had suddenly collapsed and was sweating while talking to her. Ravichandra rushed over, only to find his mother unresponsive.

(See MURDER on page 7)



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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 12th March 2025

Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana State President's Official Visit to city

Mysuru, Mar. 12- Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana (BJS), Mysuru Chapter, conducted its first General Body Meeting for 2025-26 at Hotel Dakshina Paaka here recently. Past Presidents Ashok Salecha and Vimal Pitaliya spoke on the newly formed BJS Mysuru Ladies Wing.

BJS Mysuru, Vice-President Amitkumar Chouhan said a camp will be held to assist seniors to avail Ayushman Health Card in association with MCC.

Rajesh Sancheti shared details of World Water Day events to be held on Mar.22 while General Secretary B.K. Deepak Kumar Jain (Bohra) informed about the screening of movie on Jain Muni and an exhibition of Epigraphy in association with the Department of Archaeology.

Abhishek Singhavi and Hitesh Shah suggested Group Insurance for members and their families.

BJS, Mysuru, President S. Rajan Baghmar welcomed and introduced the State office-bearers who were on their Official Visit to the Mysuru Chapter.

BJS State President Kishore Roonwal called upon the members to conduct the programmes in accordance with National Agenda every month. State General Secretary Prakash Gulecha and Mysuru Region President Sukhraj Vinayakiya also spoke.

New members Dinesh Bohra, Ashwin Achha, Anand Mandot, Naveen Khabiya, Akash Bhandari and Vikram Kawad were administered oath.

IPP Praveen Lunkar, Treasurer Manohar Sankhala, Vice-Presidents Kushal Palrecha & Nemichand Barola, Secretaries Navaratanmal Pitaliya, Rajendra Desarla & Sunil Patva felicitated the dignitaries. Deepak Kumar Jain proposed a vote of thanks.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

A pot symbolises human life, said Malayaman in a discourse. In the Tamil region, when a man dies, a pot is filled with water and the deceased man's son goes round the corpse, while another man with a sickle follows him. The man who follows makes a hole in the pot with the sickle and when the son completes the first round, a second hole is made and then again, a third hole is made. The pot is then broken. The pot represents the human body. The water in it is the soul. The pot being taken round the dead man is symbolic of a man's life on earth. The holes in the pot show how he spent his life — earning for his family, respecting his ancestors and so on. The broken pot shows that his life has ended.

There is another comparison we can draw between a pot and a human being. Rice is stored in large metal pots, to be used later. Likewise, the words of wise men are preserved, to guide future generations. An atma is given a body, so that it may not take repeated births. It must use this birth to do the right thing and attain liberation. But if the life that is given to it on the earth is not utilised rightly, then there can be no liberation for the atma. The cycle of births and deaths will continue. There is a Siddhar song, which says a jivatma begged a potter (creator), to give it a pot (a human body). But the man who was given the pot treated it carelessly and eventually broke it. Symbolically, this means that the jivatma, instead of using its human life to attain moksha, wasted away its years and the body that was given to it was of no use to it. Time flies and we must think of the afterlife, even when we are young, instead of wasting time on trivial pursuits. — *In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Woman spends Rs. 19 lakh to clone dead dog!

Beijing: A woman has gone viral on social media after it was revealed that she spent Rs. 19 lakh (160,000 yuan) to clone her dead dog after its departure left her heartbroken, according to a report.

The woman, surnamed Xu, from Hangzhou in eastern China, had bought a Doberman in 2011, whom she affectionately called Joker. Joker passed away from a heart attack in November 2022, aged 11. The death left a lasting impact on Xu who started suffering from insomnia.

She visited a pet cloning facility and decided to clone Joker and paid the said fee upfront. A year later, Xu received an ultrasound report, confirming that the procedure was a success. Prior to the start of the 2024 Lunar New Year, Xu picked up the new dog and named him "Little Joker". But she had spent a whooping Rs. 19 lakh for the cloning.

People buy 'Bank Soil' as part of get-rich-quick trend

Shangai: People in China are desperate to get rich by any means necessary are putting their faith in bags of "bank soil" sold online as wealth-bringing talismans.

Bank robberies usually involve cold harsh cash or gold ingots, but several Chinese banks have recently become the target of an unusual type of theft, that of soil from potted plants or from around the buildings housing them. Several online shops in the Asian country are selling small bags of 'bank soil' as get-rich-quick talismans that can cost as much as 888 yuan ($120) and demand for the unusual products is steadily increasing. Some sellers boast a "999.999 percent success rate in generating wealth," while others record the harvesting process to guarantee the authenticity of their bank soil.

HEALTH CAPSULE

A screening with urine culture and sensitivity should be done in early pregnancy, since UTIs can cause major complications later in the pregnancy.

By Dr. Amulya K.G. - Consultant – Obstetrics and Gynaecology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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P. Ramaiah Memorial Endowment Award conferred

Star of Mysore and Mysuru Mithra ***Chief Reporter S.T. Ravikumar*** *(sitting centre),* ***who was conferred with P. Ramaiah Memorial Endowment Award by Karnataka Union of Working Journalists (KUWJ) at a programme held at Panghat Kalyana Mantapa on Bhagyanagar Road in Koppal, is seen with*** *(standing)* ***Senior Journalist G.N. Mohan, Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj Tangadagi, Koppal MLA K. Raghavendra Hitnal and others.***

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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Judge: You are appearing as a witness in this case. Were you present at the beginning of the trouble between your friend and his wife?
Witness: Sure, I was judge, I was a witness at their wedding!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 87.23
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 112.78
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 23.75
1 Euro	= Rs. 95.13

VOICE OF THE READER

Alternative location for new Bus Stand at Bannimantap

Sir,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed construction of a new bus stand at Bannimantap, as it will cause significant inconvenience to the residents and also diminish the aesthetic appeal of Mysuru at its entrance.

I urge the concerned decision-makers to consider an alternative location that would be more suitable for this purpose.

A vacant plot next to Shobha Garden, adjacent to NR Mohalla, along the road connecting Manipal Hospital and FTS Circle, would be a far better option. This location offers ample space, better connectivity, and minimal disruption to the city's landscape.

I also fully endorse the views of Major General S.G. Vombatkere, who has emphasised the importance of selecting a site that aligns with Mysuru's urban planning needs. It is crucial for the government to take into account the opinions of Mysuru residents, who are the primary stakeholders in this matter.

I request the authorities to reconsider the current proposal and explore this alternative site.

—H.S. Sathish,
Retired Chief Scientist, CFTRI
Kanakadasanagar
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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY SPECIAL...

From Passion to... Fashion

Tulsi Belagur, Mysuru-based Entrepreneur and Garment Manufacturer.

"Allow your passion to become your purpose, and it will one day become your profession." — Gabrielle Bernstein

By Sujata Rajpal

Tulsi Belagur has turned a personal challenge into a thriving kids' clothing brand, showcasing the power of passion and determination. Her journey began when she struggled to find quality clothes for her new-born.

"I don't know if it was my passion for designing or the need to buy good, comfortable clothes for my children, but I turned my passion into a profession," Tulsi shares matter-of-factly. "I realised there must be other mothers like me and I saw this as an opportunity."

Driven by a desire for financial independence and the urge to create something of her own, she took a leap, despite marrying at the age of 18. Growing up in a conservative family, she wasn't allowed to study fashion designing, but her determination drove her forward.

What began as a small retail venture soon blossomed into a full-fledged manufacturing unit in Bengaluru for kids' apparel. In 2020, during the pandemic, Tulsi moved her operations to Mysuru to balance work and family. "Also, the cost of operations is much higher in Bengaluru, so Mysuru was ideal for us," she explains. Her business quickly expanded across India and Europe. Her brand, *Idaa*, a manufacturer and wholesale supplier named after her two children, Idhant and Aadhya, focuses on minimalist, comfortable and durable kids' clothing for ages 0-16 years.

"All designs are mine. Once we handled production ourselves, the quality also improved drastically," she recalls. Today, about 40,000 pieces are manufactured daily, with production scaling up to 50,000 during the festive season. Six months ago, the company expanded its presence on e-commerce platforms.

Idaa provides employment to 90-120 people, with twenty percent of them being women. "I wanted to build a respectful and supportive space for women to succeed," Tulsi emphasises. She agrees that being a woman entrepreneur has its advantages — they can connect better with the women employees. "The women workers would come to my office and discuss their personal issues with me," she adds.

As a mother herself, Tulsi has found a way to balance family life with running a business, while also inspiring her daughter, who has launched her own venture.

Interestingly, Tulsi has no formal education in design; everything from designing to the nitty-gritties and technicalities of running a mass production business, including costing and production, has been self-taught on the job. ***"My biggest happiness is seeing my designs and creations on the mannequin,"*** she says, her eyes glittering with pride. "Not just designing, I even find mass production exciting. The learning is never-ending."

"In this industry, challenges are aplenty, like labour issues, high attrition and training, but I can't avoid that. I can only try to find solutions," Tulsi says with a charming smile. "Once, all the women workers formed a union and left in a day, but the work had to go on as there were orders, so I had to quickly hire people and train them," she explains.

Tulsi's commitment to quality, affordability and empowering others, especially women, continues to inspire aspiring entrepreneurs in Mysuru and beyond.

Tulsi Belagur seen with the male and female staff at Idaa Apparels, a garment manufacturing factory in Hebbal, Mysuru.

Govt. House locked for 'Devil' shooting

Actor Darshan resumes shooting six months after being released on bail

Kannada actor Darshan Thoogudeepa at Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill in city this morning. Picture right shows Police personnel and a bouncer guarding the entry gates of the Government Guest House in Nazarbad.

Mysuru, Mar. 12 (BLU&VNS)- Kannada actor Darshan Thoogudeepa, who was released on bail on Oct. 30, 2024 in the Renukaswamy murder case, resumed shooting for the movie 'Devil' at the Government Guest House in Nazarbad here this morning.

The gates of the Government House were locked and the premises was fortified with Police and private bouncers deployed at all three entry gates on Bengaluru-Nilgiri Road, road next to Mini Vidhana Soudha and on the road leading to Mysuru SP Office.

Entry was restricted to public and media persons and only those involved in the shooting of the film were allowed access.

Darshan, who resumed shooting after a gap of 10 months, will be shooting for the film 'Devil' for the next four days at the Government House.

Earlier in the day, the actor visited Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill before commencing the shoot.

It may be noted that Darshan was arrested from a private hotel in Mysuru on June 11, 2024 in connection with Renukaswamy murder case and was lodged at Bengaluru Central Jail along with the other accused.

Later, he was shifted to Ballari Central Prison from where he was granted interim bail by Karnataka High Court on health reasons on Oct. 30, 2024. Following this, he was granted regular bail by the High Court on Dec. 13, 2024.

The actor, who was suffering from back pain and weakness in his left leg, received treatments from doctors in both Bengaluru and Mysuru before resuming his cinema commitments.

2020 State Film Awards

Prajwal Devaraj, Akshata bag top honours

Prajwal Devaraj

Akshata Pandavapura

Bengaluru, Mar. 12- Actors Prajwal Devaraj and Akshata Pandavapura bagged the top honours in Karnataka State Film Awards announced for the year 2020 by the State Government here yesterday.

While Prajwal Devaraj bagged the Best Actor award for his role in the movie 'Gentleman,' Akshata Pandavapura was declared as Best Actress for her character in the movie 'Pinki Elli?".

The movie 'Pinki Elli,' directed by Prithvi Konanur, was also declared as the Best Film .

Meanwhile, the movie 'Hoovina Haara,' directed by Mysuru-based Siddegowda, received the Best Dialogue award for the year 2020.

Inspiring Woman Entrepreneur

—Promotional Feature

POOJA RAVINDRA

Bachelor of Business Management
Master in Business Administration - Human Resource Management
Diploma in Cinematography

- **President:** Little Scholars Academy
- **Co-founder:** 1 Empowering Women (an NGO)
- **Founder and Director:** Golden Beans Home Stays
- **Director :** Golden Rocks (Construction Material Suppliers)
- **Director:** Golden Rocks Stone Crusher Private Limited.

Born & raised in Mysore, Pooja is a Mother, Homemaker, Planter, Hotelier, Entrepreneur, and Empowerment Advocate. She is known for her exceptional time management ability and her spirited and ardent desire to solve social problems and help others. **Pooja is one with many talents; from being a telefilms actor to a state-level dancer, she is accomplished, zestful, and ever-energetic and believes in an active and virtuous lifestyle. Pooja** has always been a believer in self-sufficiency and has embraced a simple and mindful lifestyle; from growing her own organic fruits and vegetables to adopting eco-friendly energy sources, she has been a true believer in the thought of planet over perfection. **Pooja** has co-founded an **NGO** known as **"1 Empowering Women,"** through which she has been actively creating a difference and driving change in society for the past five years. She established a village clinic to improve healthcare access, actively collaborating with a government school to enhance education quality through infrastructure development and spoken English programs. She has donated over 300 uniforms to government school children across Kodagu.

Sponsoring master's education for underprivileged students at St. Anne's College, Virajpet. Providing essential support to an old age home in Virajpet. Closely involved with an orphanage in Mysore. Adopted two children to support their education and working towards launching a free ambulance service this year to support the underprivileged villagers.

Woman Entrepreneur of the year-2023, Awarded by Times Business Awards.

"Karunada Siri" title by Natya Mayuri Academy, Asianet Suvarna Business Women Award-2022

Pooja has also awarded as Dynamic personalities to watch 2023 featured in Insight Success magazine Women Entrepreneur of the year-2019

A MESSAGE FROM MY HEART

We exist in a hierarchy that touts independence and individuality but conditions us to be silent, to be small, and to be satisfied with what we have - primarily when that is defined by what we have not. At every turn, we bear the realities of patriarchy, prejudice and poverty of political, social, economic and educational systems that are structured to oppress, disenfranchise and disempower us and disproportionately.

One thing I have always believed is that not everyone's childhood or past can be easy, especially for "women" there are cultural and societal barriers that slow us down and quiet our voices at various stages. Still, if we realize and believe that there are many things that we can still do as a parent, teachers, friends, sisters or just as young women in society - We can drive change and liberate.

If someone were to ask me what I could do for society ? My answer would be to shine a light back on the young and underprivileged.

If you take a heedful look around, you can see so much hope, hope that is unblemished. Hope from young children with dreams as big as their imagination. Hope that drives even the physically challenged to earn a simple meal. Hope which should never go in vain! Anyone with even the slightest privilege and regard can be the torch of light that can show them the way and guide them through the path.

— Pooja Ravindra

Mercury soars in Mysuru; IMD warns of hottest summer yet

Today's Mysuru temperature stands at 36.5°C; Kodagu records 40.2°C, Uttara Kannada hottest with 42.9°C

People take shelter under the shade of trees in Kuvempunagar this noon.

Mysuru, Mar. 12 (BLU&BCT)- As summer sets in, temperatures are steadily rising in Mysuru and surrounding districts, reflecting a global trend of increasingly hotter summers driven by climate change. With no rainfall over the past three months since December's Bay of Bengal cyclone Fengal, evaporation rates have surged, intensifying humidity and heat.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) reported that Mysuru recorded a maximum temperature of 36.5°C from 8.30 am on March 11 to 8.30 am on March 12, surpassing last year's levels. Mandya recorded 37°C, Chamarajanagar 36.1°C and Kodagu 40.2°C. In Karnataka, Uttara Kannada was the hottest region during this period, recording a scorching 42.9°C, followed closely by Dakshina Kannada at 42°C. Surprisingly, Kodagu ranked third with 40.2°C, making it one of the hottest places in the State. Meanwhile, Kolar, which is typically among Karnataka's hottest regions, recorded a relatively lower temperature of 33°C.

The sweltering conditions have forced residents to seek relief through fruits, ice creams and cooling beverages. Experts stress the need for at least one spell of rain in March to curb the rapid moisture evaporation that is driving up temperatures.

Similar trends are being observed in Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Hassan and Kodagu, where the mercury continues to climb. The IMD predicts that this summer could be even hotter than last year, though pre-monsoon showers in April and May are expected to bring some respite. Additionally, an above-average monsoon is forecasted for June, July and August, potentially benefiting farmers.

However, rainfall during October, November and December is expected to be below normal. Mysuru district, which typically receives 837 mm of annual rainfall, is anticipated to see an increase this year. The monsoon, which arrived in Karnataka on June 4 last year, is expected to reach Kerala by May 31 this year.

While the prospect of higher rainfall offers hope for agriculture, residents remain concerned about coping with the escalating summer heat.

Value of shade-giving trees evident

Mysuru, Mar. 12 (BLU & BCT)- As temperatures rise, the significance of shade-giving trees is becoming increasingly clear. Before summer, many trees along Mysuru's roads stood bare after shedding their leaves.

However, with the onset of the season, fresh green shoots have emerged, offering much-needed relief from the scorching heat.

Now, these trees provide vital shade and shelter to both people and animals seeking refuge from the sweltering sun. As residents struggle with rising temperatures, they are turning to these natural canopies for respite, highlighting the indispensable role of trees in urban environments.

This seasonal transformation serves as a reminder of the necessity of preserving and planting more trees, particularly in cities, to combat extreme heat and maintain ecological balance.

"Absence of rainfall over the past three months has intensified summer heat in the region. If it had rained at least once during the three months following the cyclone in December, we wouldn't have experienced such high temperatures. However, due to the lack of rainfall, the dry weather has resulted in increased heat. This year's pre-monsoon and monsoon seasons are expected to be favourable, bringing much-needed relief and cooling the atmosphere in the coming months."

—Dr. G.V. Sumanth Kumar,
Associate Researcher, Agro-Meteorological Field Unit (AMFU), Organic Farming Research Station in Naganahalli (OFRSN), Mysuru

Stay hydrated, avoid street food: DHO's advisory

Dr. Kumaraswamy

Mysuru, Mar. 12 (RK&BCT)- With temperatures soaring to 34°C to 35°C, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy has urged people to take precautions against heat-related health issues.

Dehydration poses a significant risk during summer, making it essential to drink plenty of boiled and cooled water. He also recommended homemade ORS, lemon juice, and buttermilk to maintain hydration.

Dr. Kumaraswamy cautioned against consuming cold drinks and preserved foods, as bacteria thrive in stored water, juices, and uncovered food items, leading to infections, cough and fever.

He advised people to eat well-cooked, soft foods and fresh fruits while avoiding roadside snacks, which can be contaminated with dust and germs.

Using umbrellas for sun protection and steering clear of foods and beverages sold at fairs, markets, and festivals can help prevent health risks. The Health Department has stocked Primary Health Centres and public hospitals with fluids, ORS, and essential medicines. In case of health concerns, people are advised to seek immediate medical attention.

Ex-MP launches installation of food and water bowls for birds, animals

Mysuru, Mar. 12- "People depend on environment and nature for everything and one should develop a mindset to save birds and animals," said former MP Prathap Simha.

He was speaking after launching the installation of food and water bowls for birds and small animals on roadside trees in Ward No. 23 (Dewan's Road) by KMPK Charitable Trust.

Trust President Vikram Iyengar, former Corporator M.U. Subbaiah, R. Paramesh Gowda, Kiran Gowda, Rajesh, Chethan, Nanjappa, Byrathi Lingaraju, Vinod Urs, Nagesh Yadav, Srinivas, Shravan, Mahan Shreyas, Amith, Nagegowda, Keerthi and Suchendra were present.

'Dr. S.P. Yoganna is among top medical writers'

Mysuru, Mar. 12 (SBD&DM)- Senior Journalist Vishweshwar Bhat said that Mysuru's Suyog Hospital Founder Dr. S.P. Yoganna is among the foremost Kannada medical writers of the State.

He was speaking after releasing Dr. Yoganna's two books — 'Swasthya Sampada' and 'Lyngika Sukhada Sutta Mutta' — at a programme organised at Suyog Hospital premises in Ramakrishnanagar here recently.

Noting that Dr. Yoganna's articles in popular newspapers have interested the readers, Bhat said the articles also have the capacity to attract new readers as well.

"Dr. Yoganna's works are written lucidly in a simple language. He has made his articles all the more interesting by writing about complex medical problems in an easily understandable language. His writing skills have made him a popular writer," he observed.

Noting that Dr. Yoganna has written Kannada meanings of more than 30,000 medical words, he said that this work is being published by Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS).

Maintaining that this work will be a significant contribution for the world of medical literature, he said that 'Suyoga Vani,' a Kannada magazine edited by Dr. Yoganna is gaining popularity for its valuable medical articles.

Vishwa Vokkaligara Mahasamsthana Mutt Seer Dr. Nischalanandanatha Swamiji, who graced the occasion, said both the works are very much useful to the medical field. At a time when patience and proficiency among the youths is declining, these works have come in handy for creating awareness on medical related matters.

Writer Prof. Chandrashekar, who spoke on the book 'Lyngika Sukhada Sutta Mutta,' stressed on the need for imparting sex education to the youths. The book is fit enough for becoming a text book, he added.

Senior Journalist M.N. Mohan Kumar, former Vice-Chancellor Dr. N.S. Ramegowda, Suyog Hospital Trustee Sudha Yoganna, Managing Director Dr. Suyog Yoganna, Medical Director Dr. Rajendraprasad, Director Dr. Seema Yoganna and others were present.

International Tennis Federation World Ranking Masters 700 Championship - 2025

City's tennis coach Nagaraj triumphs

Mysuru, Mar. 12- City's International Masters Tennis player and Coach R. Nagaraj won the Singles title in the International Tennis Federation World Ranking Masters 700 Championship held at Alexander Club in Meerut recently.

He also won his first silver medal in Mixed Doubles event in the 55+ category, partnering with Punam Sood from Delhi.

With this achievement, Nagaraj has gained ITF 700 points and stands at No. 1 position in India and 21st in the World Ranking.

Nagaraj has also been selected to represent India in the ITF Masters World Championship to be held in Florida, USA, from May 12- 25, this year.

Four-time biometric attendance must for doctors: Minister

Bengaluru, Mar. 12 (Agencies)- Medical Education Minister Dr. Sharan Prakash Patil has asserted that the State Government has made it mandatory for Government doctors in the State to record their biometric attendance four times a day and the doctors must be present in the hospital from 9 am to 4 pm.

The Minister made this disclosure while replying to a question by his party MLC Bilkis Bano in the Legislative Council recently.

"Following complaints about Government doctors working elsewhere during their working hours, the State Government has initiated strict action. It has been instructed that a doctor who reports for duty at 9 am must stay in the hospital till 4 pm and discharge his or her duties," said Dr. Patil.

Stating that doctors were earlier allowed to go out after first 2 hours of work for a period of 1 hour, he said that there were complaints that doctors used to go out either 1 hour before or come back an hour late thereby misusing the facility given to them. To prevent this, action has been taken, added the Minister justifying the Government's decision.

"In future, Government doctors must compulsorily register their biometric attendance four times a day at 9 am, 2 pm, 3 pm and 4 pm. Salary will be paid based on this attendance system. This has been discussed with the Heads of hospitals. Providing proper health care to people is the first priority of our Government," added the Minister.

'Trusted friend' murders woman

(Continued from page 1)

Assuming that his mother had a heart attack, with the help of neighbours, Ravichandra took her to a private hospital, where doctors declared her 'brought dead.'

Suspecting foul play, the hospital alerted the Nazarbad Police. During initial enquiries, the neighbours confirmed to the Police that they had seen Sulochana heading to Shakunthala's house that evening and revealed details of their financial transactions.

Confession and arrest

On March 6, the Police took Shakunthala into custody. After intense interrogation, she confessed, revealing that mounting rent dues had driven her to kill her closest friend for gold. She admitted to exploiting Sulochana's trust and planned to take off her 50-gram gold chain.

The Police recovered the pawned gold chain and formally arrested Shakunthala. Nazarbad Inspector M. Mahadevaswamy led the investigation, assisted by Sub-Inspectors Nataraju, Srinivas Patil, and staff members Satish, Praveen, Gopal, Prakash, Sanju and Lakshmi Kumbar.

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The general public at large are hereby notified that, my client is willing to purchase the below mentioned property from its owner M/s. Tadimety Aromatics Pvt. Ltd., a company registered under the Indian Companies Act,1956 having its office at #19 & 20, 3rd main, Havanoor Extension, Hessaraghatta main road, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru-560073. The schedule property was purchased by M/s. Chandra Enterprises, through registered sale deed Dt. 03.12.2013 registered before the Sub Register Mysuru North vide document No. MYN-1-05270-2013-14 stored in CD No. MYND366 from the date of purchase, the above mentioned party owns and possess the schedule property. If any person/s, including bank, financial institution, private financier and all Statutory authorities claiming any right, interest, objections or charges on the under mentioned schedule property or any part thereof or any documents stated above is/are hereby required, to contact the undersigned advocate with all documentary evidence or by sending written objections within **07 (seven)** days from the date of this publication or otherwise the said transaction will be completed without any reference or regard to any such purported claim or interest, which shall be deemed to have been waived for all intent and purposes.

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Engaging Teachers on Contract basis in AECS, MYSORE, for the academic year 2025-26.

AECS, Mysuru, is going to conduct **"Skill cum Practical Classroom Observation Test"** for empanelment of Contract Teachers against regular/leave vacancy likely to arise for the academic session 2025-26 for the following posts :-

(1) **Post Graduate Teachers**: **English, Maths, Chemistry, Biology, Computer Science subjects.**

(2) **Trained Graduate Teachers**: **English, Hindi/Sanskrit, Biology/Chemistry, Kannada, Computer-Science, Art, Librarian, Physical Education, Special Educator, School Counsellor.**

(3) **Primary Teachers: EMS, Kannada subjects.**

(4) **Balvatika Teachers:**

For information like date of test, pay details, qualification etc., visit Google Drive-**https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BGCKXPxb1QSvppbN8lukf2j9CUBLJ7rm/view?usp=sharing.**

Fill & submit the google form before 14/03/2025. Registration starts at 9.15 am. to 10.15 am. on the day of Skill Test.

Date : 12.03.2025
Place: Mysore **Sd/- Principal**

IN MEMORIAM

Late K. N. Shivalingaiah

Hon. Secretary : 1963 – 1999
Executive President : 1991 – 1999

Birth : 23-11-1924 **Death : 12-03-1999**

Bhagyashilpi of Marimallappa Educational Institution, Mysore.

It's been 26 years today since you left us.
Your memory remain green in our hearts always.
The path you have shown us will be our
beacon light. Your blessings are our protection.

PRINCIPAL
TEACHING, NON-TEACHING STAFF & STUDENTS
Mallamma Marimallappa Science & BBM College, Mysore

NEWS BRIEFS

Demonstration

Condemning the Government for neglecting them in the State Budget presented recently, physically challenged persons, under the banner of Swabhimani Visheshachetanara Hakkugala Horata Samiti, Mysuru, will stage a demonstration in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office on Bannur Road in Siddarthanagar, seeking fulfilment of their various demands, including setting up of an exclusive Housing Colony, at 11 am tomorrow (Mar. 13). For details, contact Mob: 99722-81746 or 98807-70528.

Power disruption on Mar. 16

As Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) has taken up its 4th quarterly maintenance works at Tumbla and Vyasarajapura Power Distribution Centres, power will be disrupted on Mar. 16 between 10 am and 5 pm in the following villages: Tumbla Power Distribution Centre - Tumbla, Kupya and Hosakote Gram Panchayat (GP) limits. Vyasarajapura Power Distribution Centre - Doddebagilu, Kolattur, Ukkalagere, Horalahalli and Vyasarajapura villages and GP limits, according to a press release from the Executive Engineer, CESC, Nanjangud Division.

Coaching classes for Rly. recruitment

Netaji Foundation, having office at No. 400, opposite Avila Convent, Krishna Vilas Road, near Jaganmohan Palace, Devaraja Mohalla, will be conducting coaching class for Railway Group-D posts recruitment exam at its premises tomorrow (Mar. 13). For registration and more details, contact Ph: 0821-3553964 or Mob: 63641-16745 or 94807-09611.

No Gruha Jyothi for 8,546 consumers in Mysuru district

Mysuru, Mar. 12 (SPN&VNS)- Despite one-and-a-half years of State Government launching the 'Gruha Jyothi' scheme, a total of 8,546 consumers have been deprived of the benefits for various reasons.

In Mysuru city and taluk, a total of 4,004 consumers have not been extended the benefits of Gruha Jyothi. Similarly, 645 applications in Nanjangud, 105 in T. Narasipur, 775 in Hunsur, 544 in H.D. Kote, 387 in Sargur, 70 in K.R. Nagar, 1,592 in Periyapatna and 424 in Saligrama are pending before the authorities to be registered under the scheme.

Currently, a total of 4,68,106 consumers are registered under the scheme combining both Mysuru city and taluk. With an average of Rs. 2,363.58 lakh being paid as subsidy every month, till date Rs. 44,908.03 lakh subsidy has been released since the launch of the scheme.

Meanwhile, Rs. 5,942.74 lakh subsidy has been released to Nanjangud at a monthly average of Rs. 312.78 lakh for a total of 1,06,006 consumers; Rs. 4,772.59 lakh has been released to T. Narasipur at an monthly average of Rs. 251.19 lakh for 76,582 consumers; Rs. 4,520.46 lakh has been released to Hunsur at a monthly average of Rs. 237.92 lakh for a total of 82,425 consumers; Rs. 1,800.71 lakh has been released to H.D. Kote at a monthy average of Rs. 94.77 lakh for a total of 36,553 consumers; Rs. 1,397 lakh has been released to Saragur at a monthly average of Rs. 73.53 lakh for a 31,627 consumers; Rs. 2,429.14 lakh has been released to K.R. Nagar at a monthly average of Rs. 127.85 lakh for a total of 42,037 consumers; Rs. 3,606.24 lakh has been released to Periyapatna at a monthly average of Rs. 189.80 lakh for a total of 65,043 consumers and a total of Rs. 1,411.34 lakh has been released to Saligrama at a monthly average of Rs. 74.28 lakh for a total of Rs. 27,485 consumers.

With this, till date at total of Rs. 70,788.25 lakh has been released to Mysuru for a total of 9,35,864 consumers, said Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) Limited Superintending Engineer Sunil Kumar.

Meanwhile, Mysuru Grahakara Parishat (MGP) has demanded the authorities to extend Gruha Jyothi scheme benefits to those registered under the solar electricity generation scheme also.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, MGP Member Shobhana Sambashiva said, "Electricity using solar energy can be produced during summer. However, with sunlight not available in abundance during winter and rainy seasons, it is difficult to generate electricity. So it is important to register these consumers also under the Gruha Jyothi scheme."

Dayanand Sagar, also an MGP Member, urging the State Government to extend the Gruha Jyothi benefits to those registered under the solar electricity generation scheme, said that with 99.19 percent consumers reaping the benefits of Gruha Jyothi scheme, it would be injustice not to extend the same benefit to consumers registered under the solar electricity generation scheme.

> We have achieved 99.10 percent implementing 'Gruha Jyothi' scheme in Mysuru district. However, owing to technical reasons, the scheme has not been extended to 8,546 consumers. A total of 2,200 consumers have not been brought under the scheme since they have registered under the solar electricity generation scheme. They will be brought under the scheme only after a Government order is issued in this regard.
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> **—Sunil Kumar, Superintending Engineer, CESC**

Butterfly Park at Ranganathittu

Srirangapatna, Mar. 12- A Butterfly Park at a cost of Rs. 30 lakh has been proposed at Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district, said Minister of Forest, Ecology and Environment Eshwar B. Khandre.

In his written reply to the question put forth by MLC Madhu G. Madegowda, Khandre said that he, along with Forest Department officials, visited the Butterfly Park at Bannerghatta Biological Park in Bengaluru in the month of February and collected information about it.

He has further stated that 1,500 sq. ft for butterfly breeding and 5,000 sq. ft. for public viewing will be reserved and added that the Butterfly Park is being built as part of the 2025-26 action plan.

Girl among three go missing from Mysuru

Mysuru, Mar. 12 (KS)- In separate cases, a 19-year-old girl is among three persons, who have gone missing from the district.

In the first case, a 38-year-old man, who left his house on Mar. 7 at about 8.30 pm, has since gone missing. The missing man is Arunkumar, a resident of Kanaka Layout on Madagalli Main Road in the taluk. He is 5.9 ft. tall, normal built, oval faced, oily red complexioned, speaks Kannada Tamil, Hindi and English and was wearing a yellow checks shirt and blue pant at the time of going missing.

In the second case, a 64-year-old woman, who left her house on Mar. 5 at about 6.30 am, saying

Arunkumar

Rajamma

that she was going to Yelwal, has since gone missing. The missing woman is Rajamma, a resident of Krishnapura village, Yelwal hobli in the taluk. She is 5.2 ft. tall, round faced, oily red complexioned, normal built, has a mole near her left cheek, speaks Kannada and Telugu & was wearing a white saree and black blouse at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the above missing persons may contact Yelwal Police Station on Ph: 0821-2402222 or the District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800.

In the third case, a 19-year-old girl has gone missing from Feb. 27. The missing girl is Soujanya, a resident of Valagere village in Nanjangud taluk.

She is oval faced, oily red complexioned, normal built, speaks Kannada and was wearing a pink coloured churidar top and pant at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about Soujanya may contact Nanjangud Rural Police Station on Ph: 08221-226259 or the District Police Control Room.

Obituary

G. Thomas

Mysuru, Mar. 12- G. Thomas (85), Proprietor of Mary Bricks Industries, Secretary of St. Mary's Educational Association at Vivekananda Nagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He had donated land for the construction of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church at Srirampura. He leaves behind brother, two sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral Mass was held at St. Teresa's Church in Mysuru South this afternoon followed by the burial at the Catholic Cemetery near Sterling Theatre.

Mahadevappa

Mahadevappa (60), a resident of Ramanuja Road, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Vidyaranyapuram this afternoon, according to family sources.

C. Ramesh

C. Ramesh (55), Proprietor of Chaitranjali Provision Store at Janata Nagar, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Komala, daughters Chaitra and Anjali and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon.

V.S. Sheshadri

V.S. Sheshadri, former Secretary of State Government Employees Association and a resident of No. 221, 2nd Main Road, 'D' Block, J.P. Nagar 2nd Stage, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Saraswathi Sheshadri, daughter Sowmya, son-in-law Sharath, son Rajesh, daughter-in-law Uma and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be held at the foot of Chamundi Hill tomorrow (Mar. 13) at 9.30 am.

Shashi Bharadwaj

Shashi Bharadwaj (75), a resident of Govardhan Apartments in Lakshmipuram, passed away on Mar. 6 in city.

She leaves behind her son Dhananjay Chithathoor, daughter R. Niveditha and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Mar. 8.

H.D. Deve Gowda urges Centre to save cash-strapped Universities

'University of Mysore, Karnataka University reeling under severe financial distress'

Deve Gowda

New Delhi, Mar. 12 (Agencies)- Former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda has made a fervent appeal to the Central Government to intervene and provide financial aid to Karnataka's premier institutions — University of Mysore and Karnatak University, Dharwad — both of which are reeling under severe financial distress.

In the Rajya Sabha yesterday, Deve Gowda underscored the Universities' historical and academic significance, noting their immense contributions to higher education and research. However, he lamented that the institutions are now struggling to pay salaries to both teaching and non-teaching staff due to a deepening financial crunch.

"Mysore University, established in 1916 as the sixth University in India, has played a pivotal role in shaping education in the country. It has hosted prestigious events like the Indian Science Congress and made significant research contributions. Despite its legacy, the University is battling a financial crisis, affecting faculty retention and salary disbursements," he said.

Similarly, Karnatak University in Dharwad, which has been instrumental in advancing education in North Karnataka, faces dire financial difficulties. Deve Gowda pointed out that while approvals for hiring staff have been granted, many teaching positions remain vacant and salaries are delayed.

Pointing out that over 30 Private Universities were functioning in the State, he said they were doing extremely well in providing quality education. However, the Centre should provide substantial grants to State-run Universities without mixing politics. "I hope and trust my request will be considered by the Central Government," Deve Gowda said.

He stressed that the State Government alone cannot resolve the crisis due to limited resources and urged the Centre to step in. Drawing from his own experience as a teacher, Deve Gowda recalled how, during his tenure as Karnataka Chief Minister, he had appointed 1.56 lakh female teachers to bolster the education system.

"The future of higher education in Karnataka hinges on these Universities. The Union Minister for Higher Education must take urgent steps to ensure faculty salaries are paid and the institutions continue to function effectively," he asserted.

Deve Gowda urged both the Central and State Governments to prioritise education and prevent institutions of such repute from suffering due to financial constraints.

'Not Mandya, students can get better education in UoM'

Marithibbegowda

Mandya, Mar. 12 (Agencies)- Former Deputy Chairman of State Legislative Council Marithibbegowda observed that University of Mysore (UoM) is better than Mandya University for students to get better education.

Addressing media persons recently, he opined that UoM has a very rich history and students from Mandya can look for better education there, rather than the poorly equipped Mandya Varsity.

The previous Government established Varsities according to its whims and fancies in the State, showing a scant concern towards providing basic infrastructural facilities. A University requires not less than 50 acres of land and Rs. 500 crore to establish the facility. But the past Government announced Rs. 50 crore, but allocated Rs. 10 lakh, which makes it impossible for the smooth functioning of the Varsity.

Instead of mushrooming of Varsities, Mysuru, Bengaluru, Dharwad, Davangere, Mangaluru and Hampi Universities should have been developed further with additional facilities, along with recruiting more lecturers to facilitate students' education, said Marithibbegowda.

Mysore Varsity has its own history, that has a better ticking among the students, who if want to make a choice with Mandya Varsity, will obviously prefer the former. If Mandya Varsity is merged with Mysore Varsity, and more teaching faculty is recruited with further amenities, that will attract more number of students towards the colleges in Mandya, affiliated to Mysore Varsity.

The Government should recruit adequate number of teachers to Varsities and adjust their pay scale, to address complaints of disparity in salary, without subjecting students to carry the burden of political willingness, he opined.

Workshop on AI-Driven Next-Gen Research

Mysuru, Mar. 12- A three-day workshop titled "Next-Gen Research Methodologies: AI-Driven Innovations" was held at Teresian College in city from Mar. 10 to 12 jointly by the Post-Graduate Department and the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC).

The workshop aimed to equip students, research scholars and faculty from institutions across Karnataka with cutting-edge research techniques powered by Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Prof. B.T. Sampath Kumar, Department of Studies (DoS) in Library and Information Science, Tumkur University, who inaugurated the workshop, emphasised the need for a systematic approach in research.

He also highlighted the essential steps for conducting effective and impactful research in the modern academic landscape.

The distinguished speakers included Prof. Chandrashekhar, Prof. N.S. Harinarayana and Dr. Chikku Balachandran (DoS in Library and Information Science, University of Mysore), Prof. Lancy D'Souza (DoS in Psychology, Maharaja's College), Prof. S.P. Shiva Prakash (JSS Science & Technology University) and Dr. M.V. Sunil (SDM Institute for Management Development).

Over the course of three days, participants engaged themselves in hands-on training focusing on AI-driven research methodologies, data analytics and innovative approaches in academic inquiry. Rev. Dr. Sr. Juanita, Director of Teresian College, Rev. Dr. Sr. Rohini, Principal, Vivek Charles, IQAC Coordinator and others were present.

Retain Kodagu Varsity: MLA leads delegation to Dy.CM

Madikeri, Mar. 12 (Agencies)- A delegation of Kodagu VV Hitarakshana Balaga, led by Madikeri MLA Dr. Mantar Gowda, met Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar in Bengaluru recently with a plea not to either shut down Kodagu University or merge with other Universities.

The delegation brought to the notice of Dy.CM, the necessity of retaining Kodagu University, future of the students, Government grants, basic infrastructural facilities among other matters.

The delegation also met Minister for School Education and Literacy Madhu Bangarappa and Minister for Science and Technology N.S. Boseraju, who is also the Kodagu District Minister.

Balaga Convener V.P. Shashidhar, senior advocate and Congress leader H.S. Chandramouli and former ZP Member K.P. Chandrakala were present.

Women auto drivers undergo health and hygiene training

Women auto drivers during a grooming session. Picture right shows Yoga Guru and Wellness Coach Suma Prakash with the trainees at Aura, Mysuru.

Mysuru, Mar. 12 (KS) - Physical fitness, proper nutrition, good mental health etc., are all essential elements of ensuring that an individual is fit to drive. Recent years have witnessed a growing number of women breaking free from societal norms and choosing autorickshaw driving as a career to support themselves and their families.

Taliru, an NGO based in Bengaluru and run by Chitra and coordinated by Padmasini Nuggehalli in Mysuru, aims at training women to become auto drivers and support their families.

Recently, 16 women auto drivers trained by Taliru, underwent sessions on grooming health fitness, etiquette, hygiene, mind calming techniques, breathing and rejuvenating from stress. The sessions were conducted by Yoga Guru and Wellness Coach at Aura, Mysuru, Suma Prakash.

On the first day, Suma conducted health and hygiene training session where these women were taught how to upkeep their autos and groom themselves to look and behave professional. Through interactive session and skits, these women auto drivers learnt how to communicate with clients and other users of the road.

In another session, fitness and mind-calming techniques were taught to help them learn how to manage the body and mind on a daily basis, in stressful situations and emergencies. Certificates were presented to these women auto drivers on completion of their course.

WORD OF THE DAY

Askew

Pronunciation: uh-SKYOO (adjective).
Meaning: Askew means "not straight" or "at an angle," and can be used as both an adjective and an adverb.
Origin: If you watch enough nature documentaries you may notice that gazelles are able to escape the claws (and, subsequently, jaws) of cheetahs when they zigzag across the savannah rather than simply run in a straight line. In Middle English, prey outmaneuvering a predator in this way might be said to be "skewing." Skew means both "to take an oblique course" (as it does in modern English too) as well as "to escape," and comes from the Anglo-French word eschiver, meaning "to escape or avoid." It's this skew, with its suggestion of crooked lines, that forms the basis of the adjective askew (the prefix a- means "in [such] a state or condition"). Askew is used as both an adjective and an adverb to describe things or actions that are a little off, not straight, or at an angle. The "escape" sense of the Middle English skew isn't so much implied by askew, but we suppose that a painting hanging askew on one's wall could be, metaphorically speaking, attempting to escape from the rest of the décor.
Example: "I reread 'Biography of Nigeria's Foremost Professor of Statistics, Prof. James Nwoye Adichie,' by Emeritus Professor Alex Animalu, Professor Peter I. Uche, and Jeff Unaegbu, published in 2013, three years before my father was made professor emeritus of the University of Nigeria. The printing is uneven, the pages slightly askew, but I feel a euphoric rush of gratitude to the authors. Why does this line — 'the children and I adore him'—from my mother's tribute soothe me so; why does it feel pacifying and prophetic? It pleases me that it exists, forever declared in print." — Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, The New Yorker, 10 Sept. 2020.

THE ODD WORD

Aboral

Away from the mouth.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

An Axe to Grind

Meaning: When you say you have 'An Axe to Grind' you mean that you have a grievance.
Origin: Although there are a few theories about origin of the expression 'An axe to grind,' one of the most popular comes from a proverbial story dating back to the mid-1800s, in which a man convinces a boy to turn a grindstone so that he can sharpen an axe. When school bell rings, man scolds boy for being late and does not pay him. Therefore, the boy now has 'An axe to grind' with the man who owes him money.
Example: "I have an axe to grind with the boss. This is the last time he's going to make me stay late on a Friday night."

QUOTE BOX

A tree fears an axe even though its handle is made from it.

— Matshona Dhliwayo

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Two left feet.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Cut off branches and twigs of a tree
4 Pocket billiards
8 European capital
12 In-flight entertainment
13 Boss of a shield
14 Leading player
15 In spite of everything (5,3)
17 The French for 'head'
18 Former South African paceman Makhaya ___
19 Precious stone
20 Persian ruler
22 Eskimo home
24 Citrus fruit
26 Long and slippery fish
27 Hawaiian food made from rice
30 Exhausts (4,2)
32 Disclaim or deny
34 Short for 'manuscripts'
35 The fourth letter by the sound of it?
37 Makes less severe
38 Once more
40 By __ of: by force or means of?
41 "P" in PM
44 __ shy of : keep away from; avoid?
46 Ballet skirt
47 Certainly, without a doubt (2,6)
50 Drinks made from malt
51 Monish ___ : Nutan's son
52 Lubricate
53 In this place
54 Sledge
55 North North East on compass

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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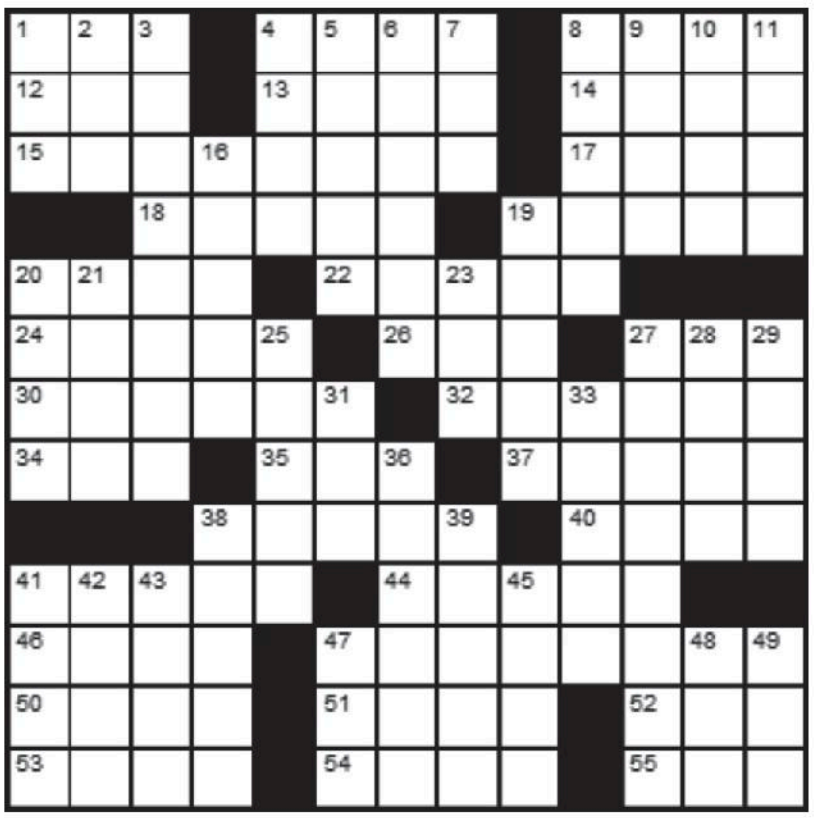
DOWN

1 Debussy heroine
2 Run ___ : elope or flee?
3 Nicknames (3,5)
4 Odisha city
5 Muscat native
6 Help or do a favour to
7 Laughing out loud, acronym ?
8 Bone prefix
9 Cook by boiling slowly
10 Overdue
11 City on the Oka - "lore" anagram?
16 Community spirit
19 Actress Angelina ____
20 Run-down part of a city
21 Myra ___ : famous pianist?
23 Guided
25 Gentle poke
27 The antiparticle of an electron
28 Welsh boy's name
29 Short for 'this month'
31 Irritant for a princess
33 Hindu ascetic
36 French tower
38 Entertain
39 Recess
41 Egyptian deity
42 Reign
43 Road to Rome - "tier" anagram?
45 Yellow coloured precious metal
47 Obsolete, in short
48 Wrong-doing
49 Estimated life expectancy



SUDOKU

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			6	9		3		4
3		8					9	6
5				3	2		1	
	2		7	6				9
4	9					5		2
8		3		7	6			
				5				

Answer to previous puzzle

3	5	7	1	8	4	2	6	9
1	8	9	6	2	5	3	7	4
6	4	2	3	9	7	1	5	8
8	7	1	2	5	6	4	9	3
2	3	5	4	1	9	6	8	7
9	6	4	8	7	3	5	1	2
4	9	8	5	3	1	7	2	6
7	1	6	9	4	2	8	3	5
5	2	3	7	6	8	9	4	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

BFT WTNDBH UY BFT QUEIS FNJ BQU TSOTJ, UKT UY

INDOFBTE, UKT UY NKODAJF, XDBBAKO BFT FTNEB NJDKSTE.

TODAY'S CLUE: O EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: There ain't no way to find out why a snorer can't hear himself snore.

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Mickey 17 (E)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 10.25 pm
	(S-3)	7.05 pm
Dragon (Ta)	(S-1)	1.20 pm, 7.15 pm
	(S-3)	10.20 am
Kapati (K)	(S-1)	4.40 pm
Kanasondu Shuruvagide (K)	(S-2)	10.55 am
Soori Loves Sandhya (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Seethamma Vakitlo Sirimalle Chettu (Te)	(S-2)	4 pm
Shaadi Mein Zaroor Anna (H)	(S-2)	7.10 pm
Vadakkan (Ma)	(S-2)	10.05 pm
Tarka (K)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Mithya (K)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Rakshasa (K)	(S-3)	10 pm
Apple Cut (K)	(S-4)	10.40 am
Kingston (Ta)	(S-4)	1.10 pm
Interval (K)	(S-4)	4.05 pm
Chhaava (H)	(S-4)	7 pm, 10.15 pm

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Rakshasa (K)	:	1.30 pm, 4.30 pm
Kapati (K)	:	1.45 pm
Mithya (K)	:	4.05 pm
Soori Loves Sandhya (K)	:	4.10 pm
Chhaava (H)	:	6.15 pm, 7.45 pm, 9.15 pm
Apple Cut (K)	:	6.50 pm
Raa... Raja (Te)	:	9 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

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Chhaava (H)	:	9.10 am, 12.30 pm, 3.50 pm 7.10 pm, 10 pm, 10.30 pm
Kingston (Ta)	:	10.05 am, 10.15 pm
Kingston (Te)	:	4.10 pm
Mickey 17 (E)	:	10.05 am, 1 pm, 3.55 pm, 6.50 pm, 9.45 pm
The Monkey (E)	:	10.45 am, 1.35 pm, 7.20 pm
Interval (K)	:	11 am
Rakshasa (K)	:	11 am, 3.50 pm
Chhaava (Te)	:	1 pm, 6.40 pm
Dragon (Ta)	:	1 pm, 7.05 pm
Soori Loves Sandhya (K)	:	2.05 pm
Apple Cut (K)	:	4.20 pm
Kapati (K)	:	4.50 pm
Officer On Duty (Ma)	:	6.25 pm
Vadakkan (Ma)	:	9.20 pm
Wicked (E)	:	9.40 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

Chhaava (H)	:	9 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm, 7 pm, 10.20 pm
Chhaava (Te)	:	9.30 am, 3.35 pm, 9.30 pm
Kingston (Ta)	:	10.05 am, 2 pm, 7.05 pm
Mithya (K)	:	11.35 am
Forest (K)	:	12.50 pm
Rakshasa (K)	:	1 pm, 6.55 pm
Fashion (H)	:	3.45 pm
Crazxy (H)	:	4.55 pm
Tarka (K)	:	7.10 pm
Dragon (Ta)	:	10 pm
Kanasondu Shurvagide (K)	:	10.05 pm

Manipal Sakhi - Season 3 honours extraordinary women

Mysuru, Mar. 12- On International Women's Day, Manipal Hospital, Mysuru, hosted Manipal Sakhi - Season 3, an inspiring platform dedicated to honouring extraordinary women who have made a meaningful impact on society through courage, perseverance and selfless service.

Held at a private hotel in city, the event recognised women from all walks of life — patients who have battled diverse adversities, caregivers who dedicate their lives to others, philanthropists creating lasting change, athletes setting new records and social workers uplifting communities.

At its core, Manipal Sakhi is more than just an event — it is a movement fostering a sense of community and motivation for women to rise beyond challenges and inspire future generations. Emphasising the significance of this initiative, Pramod Kunder, Hospital Director, Manipal Hospital, Mysuru, stated, "On this International Women's Day, we celebrate the strength, resilience and unwavering dedication of women in every field. Their contributions are invaluable and we remain committed to fostering an environment of equality, empowerment and respect for all women."

Beyond recognising these remarkable women, Manipal Sakhi - Season 3 served as a space for inspiring conversations, meaningful networking and an exchange of powerful success stories that deserve a wider audience.

Underscoring the belief that when women are empowered, entire communities thrive, Dr. Upendra Shenoy, Chief of Medical Services at Manipal Hospital, Mysuru, stated, "Women are the backbone of our society providing care, comfort and expertise every day. Their compassion and dedication inspire us all. This Women's Day, let us recognise and support their immense contribution and work towards a more inclusive future."

EVENTS TOMORROW (MARCH 13)

The Department of Prisons and Correctional Services and Central Prison, Mysuru: Women's Day celebrations, felicitation to senior social worker Shantha Ramakrishna, Personal Counsellor at H.D. Kote Women Care Centre Jasheela, Raniprabha of city's Om Sri Sai Trust, international sportsperson and Head Warder at Central Prison, Mysuru, Uma and ambulance driver Asha; Former Mayor Pushpalatha T.B. Chikkanna, AICC National Co-ordinator Bhavya Narasimhamurthy, City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar, University of Mysore Registrar M.K. Savitha and Sri Chamundeshwari Temple Development Authority Secretary M.J. Roopa chief guests, State Women's Commission Chairperson Dr. Nagalakshmi Choudhary presides, Chief Superintendent of Central Prison, Mysuru, P.S. Ramesh and others will be present, Central Prison, Mysuru, **11.30 am.**

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Rakshasa (K)	:	10.15 am, 7.25 pm
Mickey 17 (E)	:	10.30 am, 1.25 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.10 pm
Chhaava (Te)	:	11.05 am, 10 pm
Kingston (Ta)	:	12.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Kingston (Te)	:	4.20 pm
Soori Loves Sandhya (K)	:	2.25 pm
Mithya (K)	:	5.10 pm
Seethamma Vakitlo Sirimalle Chettu (Te)	:	7.05 pm

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Chhaava (Te)	:	10 am, 6.40 pm
Kingston (Ta)	:	10.50 am, 7.15 pm
Kingston (Te)	:	1.45 pm
Rakshasa (K)	:	11.05 am, 4.40 pm
Kanasondu Shurvagide (K)	:	1.20 pm
Apple Cut (K)	:	1.40 pm
Shaadi Mein Zaroor Aana (H)	:	3.45 pm
Interval (K)	:	4 pm
Kapati (K)	:	7 pm
Tarka (K)	:	9.30 pm
Fashion (H)	:	10 pm
Seethamma Vakitlo Sirimalle Chettu (Te)	:	10.10 pm

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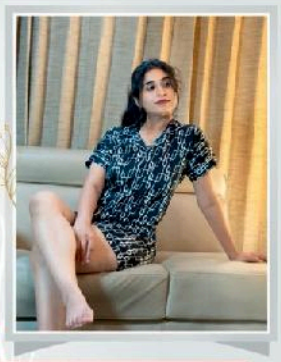

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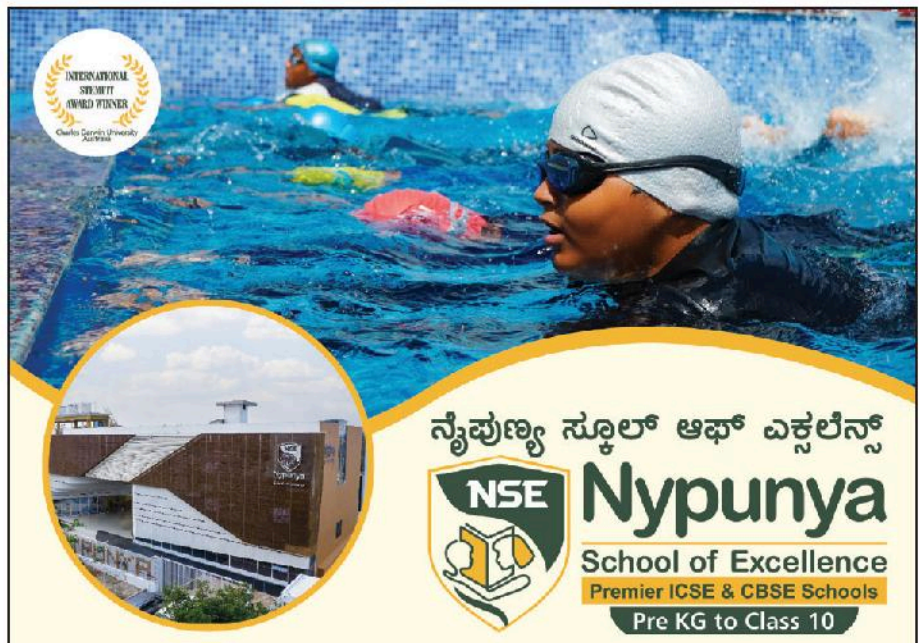

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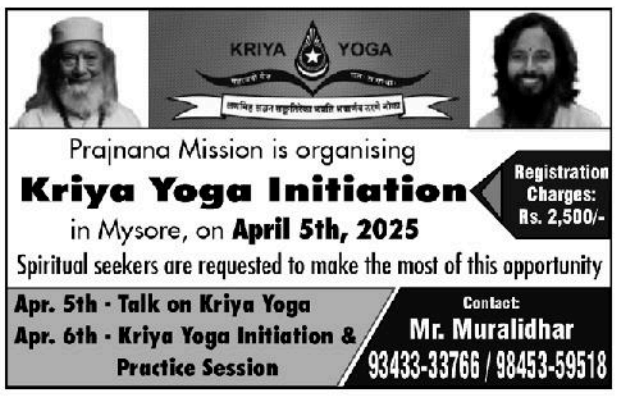

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